

# **HERBERT RIVER IMPROVEMENT TRUST**

## **GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018  
at 9.00 am**



**A. ATTENDANCE** – Present were Mr RA Bosworth (Chairperson), Mrs LF Carr (Secretary), Cr AJ Lancini (Member), Cr WG Skinner (Member), Mr GB Accornero (Member), Mr KT Phillips (Member) and Mr T Smith (Trust Engineer.)

**B. APOLOGY** –

**C. MINUTES** - Confirmation of minutes of the General Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018.

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes be approved.  
(Cr WG Skinner and Cr AJ Lancini – carried)

**D. WORKS REPORT** – The Trust Engineer, Mr Tim Smith, provided an update of works for the month of May, reported on the inspections and the annual works program for 2018/19.

**RESOLVED** – That all the inspected sites with the relevant costings, be included in the annual works program over the next five years. A number of the sites that were inspected however (namely the following - Lyons, Exelbys, Poggios, Di Bartolos and Giorcellis) possibly will be included in the Trust's works program for 2018/19 (and depending on a land owner contribution), with further consideration of the other sites at a later time. The Trust engineer also stated that the Trust is awaiting a response for the Natural Disaster Resilience Funding application for the Halifax Levee.  
(Mr KT Phillips and Mr GB Accornero – carried)

*The meeting adjourned at 10.15 am for morning tea and resumed at 10.29 am.*

**E. CORRESPONDENCE –**

**1. LETTER FROM RP FERGUSON (ACTING CEO – HSC)**

Consideration of email received 4 May 2018 from Belinda Edwards (Executive Assistant, HSC) attaching a letter from RP Ferguson regarding a letter of concern received from Mr Cliff Blain (dated 30 April 2018) voicing his opinion in relation to the performance and integrity of the Halifax Levee during the flooding in March this year. It states that he advised Mr Blain that the Trust is the body charged with the responsibility of maintaining and protecting watercourses and the adjacent land throughout the Hinchinbrook Shire (which includes the Levee) and encloses a copy of Mr Blain's letter for the Trust's consideration and direct response to Mr Blain.

**RESOLVED** – That the Trust secretary communicates with Mr Blain in writing, stating that the Trust understands what he has to say and that the on-going maintenance of the Halifax Levee is a Trust responsibility and priority.  
(Cr AJ Lancini and Mr GB Accornero – carried)

**2. EMAIL FROM Cr WG SKINNER**

Consideration of email received 23 May 2018 regarding two sites that had been brought to his attention –

Dawn Masters – who reported a number of minor sink holes at the top of the work the Trust did a couple of years ago there.

Terry Pedruzzi – Des Jardine's Crossing – there is a slump that has opened up about 30 metres below the bridge.

**RESOLVED** – That the Trust obtain a quote from HSC to fix the Masters problem and revegetate the site. Regarding the slump at Des Jardine's Crossing, Keith Phillips is to organise to stabilise the slump.  
(Cr WG Skinner and Mr KT Phillips – carried)

**3. EMAIL FROM ENQUIRIES/RECORDS & CUSTOMER SERVICE (HSC)**

Consideration of email received 30 May 2018 forwarding on an email from Bane Byron (DNRM&E) requesting that the Trust is to advise the Department if it has any issues that the Minister should consider in respect of the renewal of Term Lease described as Lot 128 on CWL2442, with objections to be received by close of business on Monday 30 July 2018.

**RESOLVED** – That HRIT has no requirements in relation to the renewal of the lease. However the Trust has concerns with a high eroding bank and the future of the infrastructure adjacent to the site.  
(Mr GB Accornero and Cr AJ Lancini – carried)

**4. EMAIL FROM Cr WG SKINNER Re INSULATOR CREEK**

Consideration of email received 1 June 2018 regarding a call he received from Lino Cervellin regarding the growth of vegetation in the bed of his creek and the resultant problems.

**RESOLVED** – The HRIT have applied for vegetation management in the stream bed of the rivers and creeks that the Trust has responsibility for. To date, the Trust has received no response from the relevant department in this regard.  
(Mr KT Phillips and Cr WG Skinner – carried)

**5. EMAIL FROM ARTHUR BOSWORTH**

Consideration of email received 5 June 2018 forwarding on an email from Mayor Ramon Jayo (HSC) dated 4 June 2018 regarding the finalisation of the renewal of the Mona Ramp lease (given that it expires 30 June 2018). The Mayor advises that Margaret Carr has no concerns proceeding to a new lease, but has requested that the Mayor resolve a particular problem for her, which is “the unrestricted and liberal access to the river through what she describes as the Anabranck creek”.

**RESOLVED** – That the Trust secretary communicates with the Mayor in writing stating that HRIT fails to see what the renewal of the Mona boat ramp lease has to do with the access track rightfully established by the Trust to carry out inspections and works in the Herbert River. Irregular inspections are conducted by Trust members, and, to date, no indication of vandalism and misuse have been identified. The Trust understands the Council’s position, however the Trust would request a meeting with the Mayor to further discuss the issue.  
(Mr GB Accornero and Mr KT Phillips – carried)

**6. LETTER FROM MICHAEL CAREY (CAREY INVESTMENTS PTY LTD)**

Consideration of letter dated 1 May 2018 regarding Herbert River erosion concerns. Michael refers to a letter he wrote to the Trust in December 2016 regarding some concerns with a patch of the River that had some serious erosion concerns. In early 2017, the Trust inspected the site, however, after recent flooding, the bank has again sustained serious damage. He requests an onsite meeting as soon as possible to inspect the site.

**RESOLVED** – That Michael be advised in writing that the site was viewed from a helicopter as a part of a fly over after the flooding events in March. Due to a lack of funding the Trust is not in a position to do the works at the site. Preliminary costings of the works required are in excess of two million dollars.  
(Cr WG Skinner and Cr AJ Lancini – carried)

**F. BUSINESS –**

1. That the Trust secretary communicates in writing extending an invitation to the local State member to meet with the Trust regarding an update of Trust activities.

**RESOLVED** –  
(Mr KT Phillips and Mr GB Accornero – carried)

**G. FINANCIAL BUSINESS –**

**1. Seeking approval for payment of the following accounts as at 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018:**

J T Smith & Assoc. Pty Ltd	\$ 8 151.00
Luke Rosadi	184.00
Majestic Cafe	90.00
Liddles Air Service	4 485.08
Ergon	87.31 Dir Deb 21/05
Jaycat	10 989.00
Rinaudo Engineering	443.34
Mr RA Bosworth	673.80
Cr AJ Lancini	450.00
Mr GB Accornero	467.76
Cr WG Skinner	300.00
Mr KT Phillips	494.40
Terrain	5 500.00 (held over)

**RESOLVED** – That the accounts be passed for payment.  
(Cr AJ Lancini and Cr WG Skinner – carried)

**H. CONCLUSION** – The meeting concluded at 12.34 pm with the next meeting scheduled for 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at Council Chambers.

Mr RA Bosworth  
Trust Chair